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The Food and Drug Administration 5 0 8 4 99 AUG 16 AIO :10
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23
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Rockville, MD 20857

Re: 99P-1340/CP 1

Petition to Have Eternity eau de parfum Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's Eternity eau de parfum declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing.

Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning—The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, Eternity contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as Eternity so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are

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not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing.

They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people complain.

This is definitely a "second-hand smoke" type issue. Perfume is designed to be smelly and boy does it make my husband and me sick!! It gives him migraines. I have to use a hand-held ozonizer jammed into my nose just to go to church. Friends know, "Don't wear perfume to visit Alicia!" I get a headache, sinuses start running and dumping down my throat, eyes burn. Worse is, I get dizzy and nauseated. Can you imagine how scary it is to get dizzy in public? I'm sure people (who are wearing perfume) wonder why I stand at a distance to talk to them and keep conversations short. Perfume used to be a beautiful and sensual luxury made of flower oils and essences and whale sperm. Now it's a disgusting and noxious brew of toxic and pain-causing chemicals.

Sincerely,

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